(In 000' tonnes)

Sugar Season	Qty. of levy sugar allocated
2004-05	83.92
2005-06	24.00
2006-07	55.37

During the period August, 2005 to May, 2007, the allocation of levy sugar to Rajasthan was not made as per the quota fixed for Rajasthan due to poor lifting by the State Government from the concerned sugar mills.

PDS Kerosene: Allocation of TPDS kerosene is made by the Government of India to States/Union Territories on a quarterly basis for distribution under Public Distribution System to BPL families. The details of allocation for last three years to Rajasthan are given below:—

(Quantity in MTs)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
396500	398913	398913

Prices of edible oils

1402. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the average wholesale and retail prices of edible oils, namely mustard, groundnut and palm oil, etc., as prevailed month-wise since 2001-02 upto June, 2007;

(b) whether the Committee of Secretaries (CoS) has asked the Department of Consumer Affairs and PDS to formulate a scheme for selling edible oil and pulses through public distribution system at subsidised rates;

(c) if so, the details of the CoS's advice;

(d) whether scheme pursuant to that advice has since formulated;

(e) if so, the details thereof indicating current status of its implementation; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH): (a) The average wholesale prices of mustard oil, groundnut oil and palm oil and retail prices of mustard oil and groundnut oil are given in Statement I, II, III, IV and V *{See* below).

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (f) Do not arise.

Statement-I

Month-wise Average Wholesale Prices of Mustard Oil

(Rupees per quintal)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	2785	3038	4198	5045	4337	3750	4468
February	2740	2946	4103	5212	4153	3759	4401
March	2900	2895	4373	4453	3905	3723	4419
April	2702	2958	4635	4147	3900	3784	4600
May	2736	3192	4903	4264	3874	3942	4565
June	2908	3615	4921	4192	4387	3903	4841
July	3225	3638	4906	4423	4100	4026	
August	3110	3800	4647	4557	3870	4196	
September	3059	3750	4766	4524	3981	4109	
October	3032	3810	4947	4581	3992	4129	
November	3053	4217	4987	4567	3915	4559	
December	3017	4439	5098	4449	3976	4623	

Statement-II

Month-wise Average Wholesale Prices of Groundnut Oil

(Rupees per quintal)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	3150	3580	5347	4959	4595	4300	6046
February	2985	3868	5515	5069	4580	4350	6429
March	3250	3923	5642	4991	4474	4415	6389
April	3171	3993	5704	4853	4661	4664	6593
May	3707	4062	5422	4806	4490	4680	6490
June	3985	4370	5484	4737	4588	4805	6908
July	4089	4388	5415	4922	4789	5132	
August	3961	5043	4936	5095	4904	5352	
September	3765	4695	4844	5127	4818	5344	
October	3570	4491	4833	5300	5094	5523	
November	3505	4616	4632	5248	4711	5598	
December	3494	4783	4885	4713	4550	5632	

Statement-III

Month-wise Average International Prices of Crude Palm Oil

F.O.B. (USS per Tonne)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	190	312	432	468	376	390	542
February	!82	297	422	500	373	413	546
March	213	303	393	522	415	412	564
April	218	31!	378	514	398	41!	652
May	200	335	381	491	392	408	728
June	220	378	390	417	391	405	765
July	250	371	383	403.	390	432	
August	308	393	362	413	379	451	
September	267	372	374	419	389	442	
October	233	371	445	407	421	446	
November	275	409	486	409	414	491	
December	291	430	479	397	390	528	

Statement-IV

Month-wise Average Retail Prices of Mustard Oil

(Rupees per Kg.)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	40.12	42.35	52.69	60.15	56.47	53.8	58.54
February	39.62	40.73	52.33	61.01	55.88	53.67	58.46
March	40.31	40.47	53.18	59.98	55.62	53.53	57.96
April	40.87	40.42	55.81	58.19	54.99	53.56	59.14
May	40.44	41.48	58.58	57.16	53.99	54.24	58.64
June	40.35	44.52	59.51	56.03	53.88	5424	59.16
July	41.57	45.46	59.88	55.94	54.75	54.1	
August	4327	46.8	59.5	56.35	54.69	54.76	
September	42.77	47.7	58.05	56.76	54.13	55.01	
October	42.52	47.73	59.8	56.78	54.22	55.05	
November	41.73	50.41	59.07	56.81	54.42	56.71	
December	42.34	5224	59.62	56.77	54.11	58.56	

Statement-V

Month-wise Average Retail Prices of Groundnut Oil

(Rupees per Kg.)

Month	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
January	49.72	51.16	60.21	66.56	63.44	62.91	72.28
February	49.78	50.84	61.99	64.5	62.91	62.96	73.78
March	49.92	51.16	64.88	64.81	62.94	63.07	74.9
April	49.78	51.12	66.25	64.74	63.08	63.35	76.06
May	50.25	52.7	66.86	64.15	62.24	63.92	76.91
June	52.53	53.52	66.28	63.78	62.55	63.83	78.11
July	53.52	54.08	66.91	63.88	63.79	64.7	
August	54.54	56.9	67.58	64.19	63.61	66.13	
September	53.75	57.54	66.76	64.18	63.97	67.75	
October	52.46	56.76	67.07	64.46	64.1	68.72	
November	52.65	58.32	65.96	64.51	64.09	69.34	
December	51.97	58.46	66.71	63.87	63.28	70.73	

Import of foodgrains

†1403. SHRI SURENDRA LATH: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of foodgrains imported and exported by Government during the last three years;

(b) total quantum of import of wheat and pulses out of these foodgrains alongwith details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that inspite of availability of sufficient quantity of wheat in the country, wheat was imported of inferior quality; and

(d) the names of Government and Non-Government Organisations which imported these foodgrains and at what rate and from which countries, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH) (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.